



# **Plowright Prize 2021**

## **Guidelines and nomination instructions**

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## **PRIZE SUMMARY**

The Plowright Prize is given in memory of Walter and Dorothy Plowright to an individual who has made significant contributions to the field of infectious diseases in animals. Walter Plowright was widely regarded as one of the world's most eminent veterinary virologists and authorities on rinderpest, whose development of a tissue culture vaccine represented a key milestone in efforts to control the disease – one of only two infectious diseases that have been fully eradicated.

This prize recognises an individual whose work has had a significant impact on the control, management and eradication of infectious diseases of animals. Their contribution will demonstrate animal, humanitarian or economic benefit.

The prize recipient will receive £75,000, to be used to support research or other improvement activity that contributes to the control, management and eradication of infectious diseases in animals. For these purposes, the term 'animal' includes both domestic and free-living species – mammals, birds or fish.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The prize is open to any veterinary surgeon, veterinary nurse or research scientist working in Europe or the Commonwealth. The nominee may be working in practice, academia, a research institute/organisation, industry, government or another relevant sector.

The Plowright Prize will be presented to an individual. Institutions and/or organisations are not eligible to receive the prize.

## **NOMINATION DEADLINE**

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

## NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominators must notify the nominee of their intention to submit and jointly complete the nomination form.

Individuals may **NOT** nominate themselves.

Nominations must be made using the nomination form. All sections of the form must be completed, in English, in order for nominations to be considered. The form includes the following sections:

1. A statement of recommendation. This must describe the nominee's contribution to the control, management and eradication of infectious diseases in animals. The statement must outline the nominee's current research activity and indicate how their research holds promise for continued substantive contributions to the control, management and eradication of infectious diseases in animals. All publications that directly support the research accomplishments mentioned must be referenced within the nomination form provided (maximum 1,000 words)
2. Copies of the nominee's key publications (maximum of five publications)
3. The nominee's full CV, including a full list of publications and relevant experience
4. A brief scientific citation, highlighting the major scientific contribution(s) that justify the nomination (maximum 50 words)
5. Details of two professional referees for the nominee
6. A document, outlining how the prize fund will be spent to support future research or other improvement activity plans. Examples may include lecture tours, public engagement activities and innovative approaches to encourage more resources (both expertise and financial) focused on research in infectious disease in animals. The Plowright Panel will not assess how the nominee intends to spend the prize funding as part of the selection process. However the panel will need to be satisfied that the planned use of the funding is well conceived to contribute to the control, management and eradication of infectious diseases in animals (maximum 1,000 words)
7. Declarations by the nominee and nominator.

## NOMINATION SUBMISSION

Completed nomination forms must be submitted to RCVS Knowledge by email:  
**[ebvm@rcvsknowledge.org](mailto:ebvm@rcvsknowledge.org)**

## PRIZE SELECTION

- Nominations will be reviewed by the Plowright Prize Panel. The panel will undertake an initial review of the future research plans outlined in the nominations. Once the panel are satisfied with how the prize money will be used, the nominations will pass to the full review process. In all cases, the quality of the scientific contribution will be the primary determining factor for selection.
- The Plowright Prize Panel is composed of an international cohort of veterinary and infectious disease experts appointed by RCVS Knowledge. The panel's recommendations will be formally ratified by the RCVS Knowledge Board of Trustees.
- In the exceptional event that the scientific contribution is judged to be equally the work of more than one individual, the prize shall be shared equally between the relevant nominees. The panel reserves the right not to award the prize if the standard of the nominations is not deemed to be of sufficient quality.
- Selection of the prize recipient shall be made on the basis of the nominee's scientific accomplishments, without regard to ethnicity, gender, sexuality, disability, nationality, or religious or political views.

## ENQUIRIES

Please direct all enquiries regarding this year's prize to: [ebvm@rcvsknowledge.org](mailto:ebvm@rcvsknowledge.org) or by phone: +44 (0) 20 7202 0721.